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Neither Rioux et al. nor Matsuura et al. taught or suggested a portion of the engine being positioned vertically below a portion of at least two seat assemblies. In other words, the engines of Rioux et al. and Matsuura et al. did not overlap with two seat assemblies; rather, the engines of Rioux et al. and Matsuura were positioned below a single seat. Hence, even when these two additional references are combined with the two references used to reject Claim 1 and Claim 20, the combinations fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of Claim 1 and Claim 20. Because the claims that are the subject of these further rejections ultimately depend from Claim 1 or Claim 20, these claims are not unpatentable for at least the same reasons that Claims 1 and 20 are not unpatentable. In addition, at least some of these dependent claims recite further distinctions over the applied combination. Reconsideration and allowance of these dependent claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

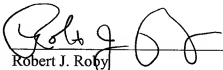
For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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